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SUBJ: PROPOSED PRG OBSERVER STATUS AT 7TH WMO CONGRESS

REF: A. GENEVA 001; B. SAIGON 096; C. GENEVA 0029

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH MISSION'S EVALUATION AND PLAN
OF ACTION RE PROPOSED PRG OBSERVER STATUS OF 7TH WMO
CONGRESS.

2. YOU SHOULD DELIVER FORMAL PROTEST TO SECRETARY GENERAL
ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A. PRG POSSESSES NO METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES WITHIN
MEANING OF WMO GENERAL REGULATION 18;

B. PRG IS NOT A GOVERNMENT AND IT HAS NO ATTRIBUTES
OF A GOVERNMENT, NO CAPITAL, AND NO BODY OF JURISPRUDENCE.

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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM, A MEMBER OF WMO, IS SOLE

LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM, AND SMALL PORTION OF SOUTH VIETNAM CURRENTLY UNDER CONTROL OF PRG THROUGH MILITARY BACKING OF NORTH VIETNAM CANNOT IN ANY WAY BE CONSTRUED TO BE A COUNTRY WITHIN MEANING OF GENERAL REGULATION 18 OR OF WMO CONVENTION. 1973 PARIS AGREEMENTS ON VIETNAM HAVE NOT ALTERED THIS IN ANY WAY.

C. SINCE PRG DOES NOT FULFILL CRITERIA SET FORTH IN GENERAL REGULATION 18, USG CANNOT UNDERSTAND AND VIGOROUSLY PROTESTS WMO SECRETARIAT'S ACTION IN INCLUDING PRG ON MAIL BALLOT FOR MEMBER STATES' APPROVAL AS OBSERVER TO 7TH WMO CONGRESS. USG ASSOCIATES ITSELF WITH THE NOTE ON THIS MATTER PRESENTED TO THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL BY THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. IN PARTICULAR WE STRONGLY ENDORSE RVN REQUEST THAT THE SYG SEND A FOLLOW-UP NOTE DELETING PRG FROM MAIL BALLOT LISTING PROPOSED OBSERVERS.

3. MISSION SHOULD INFORM OTHER FRIENDLY MISSIONS AS APPROPRIATE OF NATURE OF US OBJECTIONS AND PROTEST DELIVERED TO SYG, AND URGE THEM TO CONSIDER LODGING SIMILAR PROTESTS.

4. FYI. PLEASE REPORT RESULTS OF DEMARCHE SOONEST SINCE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARING TO CIRCULARIZE POSTS WHOSE HOST GOVERNMENTS ARE NOT COMMITTED TO PRG , IF BALLOT IS NOT AMENDED. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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